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Today HARTE THEATRE Today

Shows at 3; 7:30 and 9 P. M.

IT'S A GOLDWYN.

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Will Rogers

"A Poor Relation"

A Great American Comedy Played By a Great American Comedian.

The Story of "A Poor Relation" Will Appeal to Your Sense of Humor as well as Your Heart

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Tomorrow—"THE BLOT", a Lois Weber production and a Pathe News and Rolin Comedy.

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village and Advertisements.

Fresh dressed poultry. Checkers.

Fine bacon, several kinds and prices. Checkers.

William Goe has returned from a visit in New York city.

Harold LaVallie of Rutland is in town today on business.

Home cured Jams by the whole or half at the Checkers.

Fred W. Rogers and family of the Colgate road are in New York.

For storm windows or any work required at the Bingham shop telephone 199-X or 463-M W. E. Palmer.

Temple Chapter, R. A. M., will confer the Most Excellent degree at its regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold a card party and dance in Cullinan's hall Wednesday evening, December 14.

Leslie Becker of North Branch street, who underwent an operation at the hospital last Thursday, is getting along nicely.

Will Rogers in "A Poor Relation," the famous stage play, played for thirty-one years, presented for the first time as a photo drama. Harte theatre today.

Alfred Marscelle of School street left Sunday evening for Middlebury to attend the funeral of his uncle, Fred Marscelle which took place this morning.

Circle No. 5 of the Methodist church which was to meet with Mrs. Thompson Wednesday afternoon, will be postponed on account of sickness in the family.

The women residing on Fillmore Farm, Old Bennington, will be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. H. C. Warren, wife of the assistant superintendent.

The job printing firm of Perry & Keesman has added a new No. 7 Boston wire stitching machine to its equipment, made necessary by its constantly increasing business.

John N. Leonard left this afternoon for Brattleboro to attend the exercises in connection with the welcome to be extended to Marshal Ferdinand Foch, hero of France while "passing through" on his way to Quebec.

The well being sunk near the gardener's cottage on Fillmore Farm has now reached a depth of 235 feet. At the present time the drill is working in a ledge of solid flint and is progressing only at the rate of about a foot a day.

St. Francis de Sales choir will hold two important rehearsals for Christmas music this week on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings respectively, at half past seven o'clock at the school room in the Academy building on North street.

Mrs. Lottie Hanna, who was the victim of an automobile accident a number of weeks ago near her home on the Colgate road, has been discharged from the Putnam Memorial hospital where she has been undergoing treatment for an injured leg.

Edward J. Hall wishes to correct a statement appearing in the Banner of Saturday in which he was mentioned as counsel for the defendant in the Lucky vs. Leader case now on trial in Bennington county court. Mr. Hall states that he is not a member of the bar.

Members of Bennington Post No. 13 American Legion are requested to assemble at Post Headquarters Tuesday December 13th at 7:30 a. m. to act as guard of honor at the funeral of Private Frederick Horst. Men possessing uniforms are urged to wear them. F. Haviland Sibbey, Commander.

At a regular meeting of the Relief Corps held Wednesday evening, December 7, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Eva Scary; senior vice, Mrs. Nellie Hollister; junior vice, Mrs. Laura Chase; treasurer, Miss Estella Corbett; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore; conductor, Mrs. Ella Chamberlain; guard, Mrs. Margaret Sibbey; delegates to the department convention, Mrs. Estella Corbett, Mrs. Nellie Hollister, Mrs. Sallie Cranston; alternates, Mrs. Hattie Stewart, Mrs. Ola Green, Mrs. Elizabeth Holman.

Obituary.

Mrs. Ella S. Bent, who died at her home on Beech street December 3rd, was the widow of the late Horace Bent. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Olive Buckley of Woodford at which place she was born March 30, 1854. Besides one sister, Mrs. Dela Duncanson of Athol, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Chas. Bent and Mrs. Fred Bent both of this village also four grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Card of Thanks

We wish hereby to express our thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who so unselfishly assisted us at the time of our recent tragic bereavement including several who left mass cards without names. Mrs. Margaret Collamer, Mrs. Fred Kennedy, Miss Helen Colamer.

NOTICE

To all Real Estate Dealers: We withdraw from the market our property, the Colonial, 480 Main street, for an indefinite time. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grandfield, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 10, 1921.

Symbolic October Gems.

For the person born in October who wishes to have a ring showing the stone of his guardian angel and apostle for the month—a quaint old custom worth reviving—it is worth knowing that for the angel named Gabriel, agate is the stone, and for the apostle Simon Jucith is selected. The combination, though symbolic, might not be altogether pleasing. The boy, incidentally used as the symbolic flower of the month is sometimes used as the design in an ornamental gold ring, for persons born in October.

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Farm Animals Puzzle Japs.

One day in Tokyo, when I happened to turn over the photograph of a British woman war worker feeding pigs, a Japanese clerk looked over my shoulder and asked if the animals were sheep. Sheep are so rare that an old man was once exhibited at a country fair as a lion.

The difference between the agriculture of the West, based on live stock, and the agriculture of Japan, based on rice, could not be more amusingly illustrated. But a section of the Japanese agricultural world turns its eyes longingly to mixed farming; and so, when I returned to Sapporo from my trip to the north of Hokkaido, I was taken to see a government stock farm, with a smoking volcano in the background.

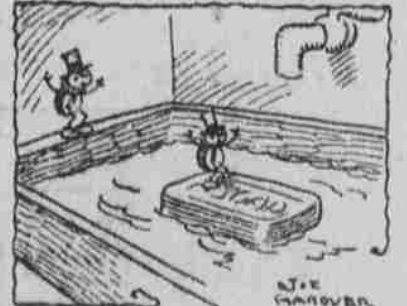
There were fine cows, some pigs and sheep, two self binders, a dairymaid who looked to the manner born, and colliers.—J. W. Robertson Scott in the London Daily Telegraph.

Counting Done First on Fingers.

Men learned to count in tens because they happened to have ten fingers. Primitive man would count ten on his fingers, then make a mark.

One South American tribe was discovered by the historian Cantor to be counting in this way: three men sat facing a fourth man, each of the three holding up his fingers for the fourth to count. The first man's ten fingers and thumbs represented units, the second man's fingers and thumbs stood for tens, and the third man's fingers and thumbs meant hundreds. The fourth man could thus count up to 999.

—Cleveland News-Leader.



A GOOD THING

"Why do you stay on that cake of soap?"
"So if a storm comes up I can wash myself ashore!"

INDIANS TO APPEAL TO KING

Delegates From Six Nations Represent One of Oldest Confederacies in the World.

The delegates from the Six Nations who are to make a personal appeal to King George in respect of their ancient rights represent one of the oldest and most famous confederacies in the world, certainly the most famous in the history of "savage" nations.

The Five Nations confederacy, the eastern branch of the Iroquois, goes back before the discovery by Columbus. It was strengthened in 1712 by the admission of the Tuscaroras from North Carolina, and consisted then of the Mohawks, Oneidas, Cayugas, Onondagas and Senecas, with the Tuscaroras.

The Treaty of Utrecht had declared the Five Nations to be British subjects, and in the long struggle between France and England in America the British government based its claim to large tracts of country sometimes on the ground of the so-called subjection of the Five Nations, sometimes on the ground of treaties made with them. By the middle of the Eighteenth century an orator of the Five Nations declared at conference: "We don't know what you Christians, English and French, intend. We are so hemmed in by you both that we have hardly a hunting place left. In a little while, if we find a bear in a tree, there will immediately appear an owner of the land to claim the property. We are so perplexed between you that we hardly know what to say or think."

Ancient Form of Adornment.

Tattooing, that very apparent means of proclaiming one's love for the briny deep, is an ancient form of adornment, and in ancient times most honorable. The Polynesians are known to have been adepts in the art, and from that time to this there have always been people who have been attracted to this form of beauty. These decorations have taken all sorts of forms, from the plain black and white work to that in the most variegated coloring, to say nothing of the method of "lash" tattooing, which consists of cutting deep gashes in the desired design, filling them with clay and then letting them remain as a sort of cancer on the flesh.—Detroit News.

THE FUGITIVE.

Who is it lurks and glares at me, From out the crimsoning bush? Over the road there falls a shade, And darkness haunts the golden glade: A shudder runs along the breeze, And "Hush!" soft sighs the shimmering leaves— "Old Age is waiting thee!"

Old Age, thou art a fearsome thing, Lurking just down the road, But, strange, as I approach the hedge, Whence frowns the dark and dreaded shade, It flies apace, and further on, Calls softly from another glade— "Old Age is waiting thee!"

Always a little further on, Always beyond the way; And life and love and song are sweet, And youth with smiles and dancing feet. Perhaps I'll never gain the hedge, Where thou dost crouch and wait for me, But just slip by and down the road— Into Eternity.

—Mary A. Kirkup in New York Times

NEVER LACK OF EXCITEMENT

Railway Workers on East Indian Lines Surely Need Not Complain of the Monotony.

At lonely spots on the Madras railway, in India, may be seen small stone-built huts with iron gates. They are referred to by railway men as "tiger boxes."

The object of these little cabins is to afford protection for pointsmen and other workers against the tigers that frequent the jungles in the vicinity.

These ferocious animals have in the past manifested a peculiar taste for railway men, and it was found necessary to place retreats at the more isolated parts of the track. In each hut is placed half a gallon of water and a rough bunk.

In East Africa railway workers use monkeys to warn them of the presence of lions and other wild beasts. The monkeys are placed in cages on high posts or other prominent positions. They scream when they scent the approach of lions.

On the Uganda line, a telegraph operator, on returning to his station, found the stationmaster and staff barricaded in a hut, while two big lions paraded the platform! He wired the information down the line, and a locomotive carrying a crack shot was sent to drive the animals away.